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At 3 p.m., a service was held at St. Mary Abbots, Kensington. An address was given by the REV. PREBENDARY RIDGEWAY, but unfortunately there was no report.

From 4—7 p.m., a Garden Party (by kind invitation of Mrs. Winkworth) was held at Holly Lodge, Campden Hill, W. The kindness of the gracious hostess and the lovely garden, one of the most famous in London, were greatly appreciated.

The Natural History Exhibition was on view at the Portman Rooms, on Wednesday and Thursday, the 15th and 16th.

IMPRESSIONS OF THE CONFERENCE,

MAY, 1901.

As an earnest member of the P.N.E.U., and one who is most anxious to further its aims, it is with pleasure, but with a keen appreciation of the unworthiness of my own powers, that I take up my pen to write a few words on the impressions formed by the Conference held last May.

It is impossible to give a full description of the papers read at the Conference, of which a detailed account will be found in the monthly numbers of the *Parents' Review*. What struck one most at all the meetings was the earnestness which inspired the writers of the addresses, and their devotion to the cause of true education, which is the sum and substance of our being as a Union.

Of the many valuable papers which were read, those which impressed the writer most were Miss Mason's on "Education is a Life," and Miss Montagu's on "Hero-worship," both of which reached such a high level of moral tone and lofty aim that one could only be thankful for the privilege of being able to listen to such inspired words. The idea, so well brought out by our founder, that each age has its own special revelation and its own message to teach, is one full of thought, and deserves the earnest attention of those who are trying, as we all must do, to bridge over the distance which separates one generation from another. Miss Montagu put in a most earnest and eloquent plea for those high qualities of reverence and admiration, which are so apt to be choked by the growing materialism of the present day.

The lessons given by the ex students of the House of Education were most instructive, and one longed to have been the recipient of such delightful teaching in the days of one's own youth, as the methods adopted seemed to be the very best for drawing out the powers of observation and attention.

The talks to nurses are always gladly welcomed, as one is so anxious to co-operate with those who are the guardians of our children's early days, and to make them feel that they and we are working towards the same high aim, the training of characters "fit for the Master's service."

The Conversazione, and the Garden Party at Mrs. Winkworth's delightful house, with its historic associations, were amongst the social enjoyments of the week.

But the great practical use of the Conference is the opportunity given to all who are seriously employed in the work of education of meeting together and discussing the many difficulties which present themselves to every thoughtful mother and teacher.

Everyone who is really in earnest has some message to give to his fellow-creatures, and if we all learn from one another what each has to teach, the sum of our knowledge, and in consequence our capability to help the little ones, will be immeasurably increased. The spirit which binds us all together in the knowledge that we are trying to be worthy of the highest trust ever bestowed on men and women, is in itself one of the greatest helps possible towards the fulfilment of that trust.

To conclude with the words of one of the greatest teachers the world has ever known:—"Let the child be more holy to you than the present which consists of things and matured men. By means of the child—although with difficulty—by means of the short lever arm of humanity, you set in motion the long one, whose mighty arc you can scarcely define in the height and depth of time. . . . Moral development, which is education, as the intellectual is instruction, knows and fears no time nor futurity."—(Richter in *Levana*.)

SENIOR ART CLUB.

This Club is open to any readers of the *Review*, either lady or gentleman. The terms are 6*s*. for six months. All work marked for exhibition is criticised by Mr. David Murray, A.R.A., on the yearly "Pupils' Show Day," in Miss Stewart Wood's studio, Vine Court Studio, Holland Street, Kensington. All particulars of the Club can be obtained from Miss A. Y. Davidson, Secretary, 41, Bessborough Gardens, London, S.W.

MAY TO NOVEMBER, 1901.

Subjects for August.

I.—We cannot do better than revert to our plan of having a holiday sketch during this month—it leaves the members free to select entirely their own point of view—and I hope for some very happy results.

II.—*August Moon.* There is generally something very especial in the quality of the moonlight during August. I have seen evenings when, the moon being up while the daylight is hardly failed, the landscape has been bathed in a golden mist. These are fleeting moments of beauty, but if something of their glory, "the innermost glint of gold," can be secured, the sketch will always be a possession to refer to.

OUR WORK.

The Central Office, 26, Victoria Street, will be closed from *1st August* to *16th September*, and only letters of importance will receive attention.

The House of Education is closed from August 1st to September 15th. Letters relating to the House of Education, *Parents' Review* School, Mothers' Educational Course, Governesses, etc., cannot be answered or received between these dates.

Parents' Review School.—Next term begins September 15th (House of Education Practising School, September 30th). There are two vacancies in the Practising School.—(*a*) For a well-taught girl of 15 for Class IV., (*b*) for another well-taught girl of about 12 for Class III. Education is free and the advantages are great. Among the subjects are Latin, Mathematics, French, German, Italian, Drawing in water colour, various handicrafts, &c. The provision for boarding is very good. A lady, who is the mother of girls in the school, receives one or two other boarders at a low charge. Applications should be sent in to the House of Education by the 15th of September.

I am requested to state that Dr. Laing Gordon is unable to lecture for the P.N.E.U. in future: his name should therefore be taken off "Lists of Lecturers."

J. M. RUSSELL, *Sec.*